

ORDINANCE NO. 137

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST  
ESTABLISHING A PLANNING AGENCY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST DOES ORDAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:

1. PLANNING AGENCY - There is hereby created a Planning Agency for the City of Ridgecrest, State of California, consisting of a Planning Commission and a Planning Department.

2. PLANNING DEPARTMENT - The Planning Department shall be under the direction of the Planning Director, who shall be a person qualified by training, experience and demonstrated ability to manage the affairs of the Planning Department. The Planning Director and such other employees as may be required shall be appointed by the appointing power of the City.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be residents of the City of Ridgecrest appointed by the City Council. Each member of the City Council shall be responsible for nomination of one member of the Commission. In event of a vacancy, the nominating Councilman shall nominate a candidate to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

4. COMMISSION MEMBER TERMS - Members appointed under this ordinance shall serve a term of office co-terminous with the term of the nominating Councilman. Members of the Planning Commission at the time of adoption of this ordinance shall continue to serve on their existing appointment at the pleasure of the City Council.

5. LIMITATION ON COMMISSION MEMBER TERMS - Members of the Planning Commission, including those having served under prior ordinances, who have served two (2) consecutive four-year terms shall not be eligible for appointment for a period of four (4) years from the termination date of their unexpired term. Members of the Planning Commission at the time of adoption of this ordinance shall be eligible for only one (1) additional term.

6. REMOVAL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS - A member of the Planning Commission may be removed by a majority vote of the City Council.

7. MEETINGS OF PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission shall hold at least one regular meeting each month at a time and place to be fixed by the Commission.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS - The Planning Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, and such other officers as it considers necessary. The Director of Planning shall be the Secretary of the Commission but shall have no vote.

9. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS - Advisory members of the Planning Commission are as follows: a member of the City Council appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council; the City Administrator; the City Attorney; the City Engineer; the City Building Official; the Health Officer; the Police Chief; the Fire Chief; the City Recreation Director. Advisory members shall not be entitled to vote.

10. COMMISSION RULES & REGULATIONS - The Planning Commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the transaction of business and shall keep a record of the minutes, resolutions, transactions, findings, reports, recommendations, determinations, and other business of the Commission. Such records shall be public records.

11. ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT - City Ordinances No. 5 and 64, and all other ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed, provided, however, that all provisions of this ordinance which are substantially the same as prior ordinances shall be construed as continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 1971, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Smith, Councilmen Edwards, Fox, Kessler and Shacklett

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN:

Kenneth M. Smith  
Mayor

ATTEST:

James R. Hach  
City Clerk